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6 September 1956

Chief, Economic Research
ATTN : Chief, Planning and Review Staff
Chief, Materials Division

Project 22.864, "Guided Missiles Propellant Availability"

1. The subject paper was reviewed by the undersigned and discussed both with the analyst and the Branch Chief. We have rejected the paper because the available data are skimpy and because the analyst has done an unimaginative job with what was available. We do not believe that a further investment of time would produce a publishable report.
2. Specifically, the paper (a) discusses the production of chemicals which could conceivably be used as propellants by the Soviets, but does not contain any evidence regarding which propellants are actually used and in what quantities; (b) includes production estimates based on dubious plant information, using questionable methodology; (c) is poorly organized and poorly put together.
3. We therefore recommend that this project be cancelled.

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